COMPONENT		PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE
II.	Sustainable Development of	Sugarcane Based Cropping System.
1.	Field Demonstration	Rs. 5000 for 0.5 ha.
2.	Supply of implements	(0 Bullock drawn @ 50% cost limited to Rs. 2000 per unit.
		m Tractor drawn @ 25% cost limited to Rs. 7500 per unit.
3.	Drip Irrigation	(0 Infrastructure @ 90% cost limited to Rs. 25000 per ha. to small & marginal, SC/ST & women farmers and 70% cost limited to Rs. 25000 per ha to other farmers.
		(«) Drip demonstration of Rs. 22500 per ha.

Accounts of N.D.D.B

1099 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Order of N.D.D .B. accounts auditing put on hold' which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 20th June, 1997;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to the news report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) On the request of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) The Government of India had conveyed the approval of the President of undertake audit of accounts of the National Dairy development Board (NDDB) for the financial years 1988-89 to 1995-96 under Section 14(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, 1971. The NDDB subsequently pointed out that its case was covered under Section 15(2) of the said act and, as such, was not liable to audit by CAG. Pending a reference to the Ministry of Law on the subject, the CAG has been requested not to proceed with the audit.

Wheat Production

1100. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of be AGRICULTURE pleased to state:

(a) what has been the year-wise and State-wise output and acreage of wheat in the country over the past five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that some constraints are being felt in the matter of increasing wheat production in the country;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to overcome these constraints?

THE MINISTER OF ST ATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) A statement giving years-wise and Statewise output and acreage of wheat in the country over the past five years is enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) No, Sir. During 1996-97, country has achieved the record production of wheat amounting to 68.7 million tonnes.

(d) In order to increase the production and productivity of wheat, the Government is implementing Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Wheat) under which incentives are given to farmers to adopt the latest available technology.